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Six Months75

CASH IN ADVANCE

A big issue in 1928 was farm

relief. This year it will be every-

body's relief.

Congressional economy consists

principally in cutting out items in

the economy bill.

People spent more for candy

than for books. They're taking

few chances on being availed.

Why pick on the short sellers?

Anybody who can sell at all these

days should be commended.

An ominous cloud on the national

horizon is the threat that Con-

gress may go back for a summer

session.

We read that a certain radical

vocalist never took a singing les-

son in his life. We suspect there

are others.

Our farawayers may have been

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lionaire fortunes.

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lawsuits in settling the estate that

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A ministers' association recom-

mends that prayers be said for the

father as well as the mother when

the baby is born. He'll grow up

when the floor-walking begins.

WIFE SOLD AT PRUIT

Few of the present generation,

particularly in the North, know

that before the Civil War a great

many negroes in the South owned

other negroes as slaves. Some in-

teresting facts concerning the as-

sets are given in Prof. Carter

Goodwin Woodson's book, "Free

Negro Heads of Families."

He shows that the first slave

at 1830 owned one of the negroes

in the country were free, some of

the others owned 200 slaves in 1840

and other valuable property. In

1847 one negro in South Carolina

owned 200 slaves in 1840 and

others owned smaller numbers. It

has been estimated that 10,000 free

negroes owned nearly 100,000

slaves at one time.

The story is told of a Charles-

ton man who owned a plantation

slave owned by a neighbor and

bought her for a wife. Later on

when she had fallen in love with

him as he thought proper, he sold

her at a profit of \$5,000.

STAMPS 85 YEARS OLD

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known that United States postage

stamps have been in use only

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